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SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The amendment set forth below corrects the specification by adding Brief Description of the Drawings and Abstract sections.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Authorization for this amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jason Fedon on 01/04/2008.

In the specification:

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4. Please add the following paragraphs to page 13, beginning on line ¹³~~12~~:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Figure 1 illustrates the expression of a 43 kDa protein corresponding to mature Der p1 in fusion with the prepeptide MF-alpha of *Pichia pastoris* (construct pNIV4811) in yeast cells. The culture supernatants from various *Pichia pastoris* clones incubated in the absence or presence of methanol (methanol induction for 1 to 5 days indicated on the x axis) have been analyzed by SDS-PAGE and immunoblot analysis using an anti-Der p1 peptide (117-133) polyclonal antibody.

Figure 2 illustrates expression of mature Der p1 (30 kDa) in fusion with the prepeptide of *Pichia pastoris* MF-alpha (construct pNIV4817) in yeast cells. The culture supernatants from *Pichia pastoris* cells incubated in the absence (J0) or presence of methanol for 1 day (J1) have been concentrated 50 times and, then, analyzed by SDS-PAGE and immunoblot analysis using an anti-Der p1 peptide (117-133) polyclonal antibody. Arrows indicate the mature Der p1 doublet at about 30 kDa.

Figure 3 illustrates expression of Der p1 in fusion with its propeptide (construct pNIV4812) in CHO-K1 cells. The cell extracts from different clones of CHO-K1 cells transfected with pNIV4812 (lanes 3-8) or transfected with the vector pEE14 alone as negative

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